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NVS-215
05V-053

Subject: REAR LEAF IMITATORS

Dear MS. TOBIAS:

This letter is to acknowledge your recent defect or noncompliance information report. Please review the following information to ensure that it conforms to your records.

Makes/Models/Model Years:

HOLIDAY RAMBLER/AMBASSADOR/2002-2003
HOLIDAY RAMBLER/NEPTUNE/2002-2005
MONACO COACH/CAYMAN/2002-2005
MONACO COACH/KNIGHT/2002-2003
SAFARI COACH/CHEETAH/2003-2005
SAFARI COACH/SAHARA/2002-2004
SAFARI COACH/ZANZIBAR/2002-2004

NHTSA Campaign Number: 05V-053

Recall Date: February 09, 2005

Components:

SUSPENSION:REAR:SPRINGS:LEAF SPRING ASSEMBLY

Potential Number of Units Affected: 2,947

Summary:

ON CERTAIN CLASS A MOTORHOMES, THE SPACER PLATE UNDER THE TRAILING ARMS HAD A TRANSVERSE WELD WHICH CREATES A HEAT RISER AND CAUSE THE TRAILING ARMS TO CRACK.

Consequence:

THIS COULD CREATE ROUGH DRIVING CONDITIONS AND DAMAGE TO REAR SUSPENSION SYSTEM. THE DRIVER COULD LOOSE CONTROL OF THE MOTORHOME AND A CRASH COULD OCCUR WITHOUT PRIOR NOTICE.

Remedy:

DEALERS WILL INSPECT THE REPLACE THE TRAILING ARMS FOR CRACKS AND REPLACING THE TRAILING ARMS AND U-BOLTS IN THE REAR SUSPENSION OF THE MOTORHOMES. THE RECALL IS EXPECTED TO BEGIN JUNE 2005. OWNERS SHOULD CONTACT MONACO AT 1-800-685-6545.

Notes:

MONACO RECALL NO. R4062. CUSTOMERS CAN ALSO CONTACT THE NATIONAL HIGHWAY TRAFFIC SAFETY ADMINISTRATION'S AUTO SAFETY HOTLINE AT 1-888-327-4236.

Effective October 21, 2004, a manufacturer must provide an estimated dealer notification date as well as an owner notification date (month/day/year) when submitting a defect/noncompliance report (Part 573.6).

I have reviewed your proposed owner letter and it does not meet the requirements of Part 577.

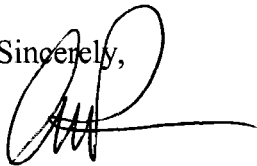
On the fifth paragraph, end of the sentence, a risk needs to be added, i.e., "...a driver of the motorhome could possibly lose control of the motorhome and a crash may occur without prior notice."

Copies of all notices, bulletins, dealer notifications, and other communications that relate to this recall, including a copy of the final owner notification letter and any subsequent owner follow-up notification letter(s), are to be submitted to this office no later than 5 days after they are originally sent (if they are sent to more than one manufacturer, distributor, dealer, or purchaser/owner).

As stated in Part 573.7, submission of the first of six consecutive quarterly status reports is required within one month after the close of the calendar quarter in which notification to purchasers occurs. As stated in your report, the recall is expected to begin on June 2005. Therefore, the first quarterly report will be due by July 30, 2005.

Your contacts for this recall will be Pat Wallace or Delia Lopez, who may be reached by phone at 202-366-5232 or 202-366-9525 or by email at patricia.wallace@nhtsa.dot.gov or delia.lopez@nhtsa.dot.gov. We look forward to working with you for successful completion of this recall campaign.

Sincerely,



George H. Person
Chief, Recall Management Division